

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicle airbag arrestor mountable about a vehicle steering column carrying a steering wheel containing an inflatable airbag, the airbag arrestor comprising:

an enclosure having an open end and a closed end, the enclosure adapted to be mountable over a vehicle steering wheel and vehicle steering column, with the closed end adjacent a vehicle steering wheel; and

attachment means, mountable about the enclosure, for substantially non-axially, movably mounting the enclosure over the steering wheel and the steering column of a vehicle, the attachment means including a strap means disposed about the enclosure, and connector means for extensibly receiving a free end of the strap means therethrough for releasably tightening the strap means and the open end of the enclosure about a vehicle steering column using by a single hand pulling of the free end of the strap means through the connector means from a side of a vehicle steering column.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously presented) The airbag arrestor of claim 1 wherein: the strap is movably mounted on the enclosure.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A vehicle airbag arrestor ~~of claim 1~~ wherein the connector comprises: mountable about a vehicle steering column carrying a steering wheel containing an inflatable airbag, the airbag arrestor comprising:

an enclosure having an open end and a closed end, the enclosure adapted to be mountable over a vehicle steering wheel and vehicle steering column, with the closed end adjacent a vehicle steering wheel;

attachment means, mountable about the enclosure, for substantially non-axially, movably mounting the enclosure over the steering wheel and the steering

column of a vehicle, the attachment means including strap means disposed about the enclosure, and connector means for extensibly receiving a free end of the strap therethrough for releasably tightening the strap and the open end of the enclosure about a vehicle steering column using by a single hand, the connector means including a latch movable to and from a first position engaged with the strap; and
a biasing member acting on the latch to bias the latch to the first position.

5. (Original) The airbag arrestor of claim 4 wherein the connector further comprises:

a body carrying the latch and the biasing member.

6. (Original) The airbag arrestor of claim 5 wherein:
the strap has first and second free ends; and
the body carries a separate latch and a separate biasing member for at least one free end of the strap.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A vehicle airbag arrestor ~~of claim 1~~ wherein: mountable about a vehicle steering column carrying a steering wheel containing an inflatable airbag, the airbag arrestor comprising:

an enclosure having an open end and a closed end, the enclosure adapted to be mountable over a vehicle steering wheel and vehicle steering column, with the closed end adjacent a vehicle steering wheel;

attachment means, mountable about the enclosure, for substantially non-axially, movably mounting the enclosure over the steering wheel and the steering column of a vehicle, the attachment means including a strap disposed about the enclosure, and connector means for extensibly receiving a free end of the strap therethrough, the strap and the connector are means arranged for one hand tightening and releasing operation about a vehicle steering column.

8. (Original) The airbag arrestor of claim 1 wherein the enclosure further comprises:

a sidewall extending from the open end to the opposed closed end.

9. (Original) The airbag arrestor of claim 1 wherein:
the enclosure is formed of a flexible, ballistic material.

10. (Original) The airbag arrestor of claim 9 wherein:
the enclosure is formed of KEVLAR

11. (Currently Amended) The airbag arrestor of claim 9 wherein the ~~attachment member~~ strap means comprises:

~~a tightenable strap disposed about the enclosure,~~ the strap formed of a flexible, ballistic material.

12. (Original) The airbag arrestor of claim 11 wherein:
the strap is formed of a flexible, ballistic grade NYLON.

13. (Currently Amended) The airbag arrestor of claim 1 wherein the ~~attachment member~~ strap means comprises:

~~a tightenable strap disposed about the enclosure,~~ the strap formed of a flexible, ballistic material.

14. (Original) The airbag arrestor of claim 13 wherein:
the strap is formed of a flexible, ballistic grade NYLON.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The airbag arrestor of claim 1 further comprising:

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the enclosure and the ~~attachment member~~ strap means are formed of a flexible, ballistic grade material.